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POULTRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Poultry Industry has requested the Government to take immediate precautions so that the exports are not affected due to a single stray incidence of avian flu in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to create zones within the national boundaries on the lines of China and Malaysia;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to save the Poultry Industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(d): All India Poultry Breeders Association has requested the Government for a joint meeting of different stakeholders to evolve a strategy for the remedial measures to be adopted by the industry and trade to meet the emergencies in the event of a single stray incidence of Avian Influenza in the country. The Government has constituted an Expert Committee involving the State Governments, technical experts and representatives of the poultry industry to examine this request.

(e): The remedial steps taken by the Government are as follows:

1. Compensation: The Government of India shares cost of compensation for culled birds and destruction of feed and feed materials. In the 2006 outbreaks, an expenditure of Rs.785.12 lakhs has been indicated by the States of Maharashtra,Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh on compensation for poultry and feed of which 50% is central share. During the recent outbreak in Manipur more than Rs.94.00 lakhs was paid as compensation for culled poultry.

2. Package for poultry industry after the 2006 outbreaks is detailed at Annexure.

3. Control and containment was initiated in Manipur immediately so that country can claim freedom from Avian Influenza at the earliest..